

- Operationalisation of State and District control centre with daily reporting from affected Districts in standardised format
- Following standard case definitions for suspected, probable and lab confirmed case.
- Adoption of Congo fever prevention and control guidelines.
- Epidemiological investigation by Multi-disciplinary Rapid Response Teams (involve Epidemiologists-Epidemic Intelligence Service officers, Animal husbandry, Entomologists).
- Early detection and case isolation in designated facilities for management along with contact listing.
- De-tick measures, IEC for early reporting, surveillance and monitoring Standard Operating Procedures.
- De-ticking activities among cattle (prior to high transmission season so as to decrease tick load among cattle) by Animal Husbandry department.

#### **One couple-one child policy**

†1718. SHRI R. K. SINHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering the policy of 'one couple-one child in order to ensure population control; and

(b) if so, the details of steps taken to implement this, if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY): (a) and (b) The Government is not considering any such proposal at present since India is a signatory to the ICPD declaration of 1994 held at Cairo (International Conference on Population and Development) which advocates voluntary choice and honouring of reproductive rights of couples to decide freely and responsibly the number and spacing of their children.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.